



Rear Admiral Paul Higgins, M. D., currently serves as the Director of Health and Safety, United States Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. He is both a Coast Guard flight surgeon and a Public Health Service family physician. On February 11, 2003 he was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral upper half (O-8) and concurrent appointment to Director of Health and Safety, and was promoted on January 01, 2004.

RADM Higgins graduated with high honors from Siena College with a Bachelor of Science in 1980. He holds the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Georgetown University. He completed his residency in family medicine as the chief resident at the University of Virginia. RADM Higgins is a 1994 honor graduate of the Air Force aerospace medicine primary course.

RADM Higgins previously served as the Chief of Health Services, responsible for the Coast Guard health services program serving over 150,000 beneficiaries. He managed 34 Coast Guard clinics and approximately 120 sickbays throughout the United States and on Coast Guard cutters throughout the world. He also served as Chief of Operational Medicine at Coast Guard headquarters. As a commander he served as Chief of Health Services Division during the closing of the Governors Island clinic after a five year tour at Governors Island and Coast Guard Air Station Brooklyn, NY. RADM Higgins served as a Public Health Service provider at a migrant farm workers clinic in upstate New York prior to his Coast Guard service.